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**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
IN PATENT APPLICATION**

As the inventor of the invention disclosed in the patent application entitled FOOTWEAR CLOSURE SYSTEM WITH ZONAL LOCKING, I hereby declare as follows:

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I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled FOOTWEAR CLOSURE SYSTEM WITH ZONAL LOCKING, the specification of which is attached to this declaration.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified patent application, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

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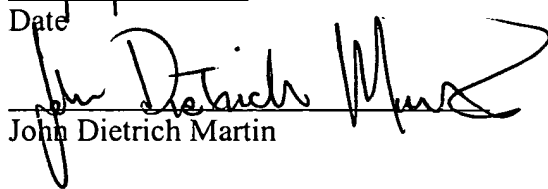
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